Miss Weston

Dublin June 25. 1863

My dear Friend — It is ever so long since I wrote to you or since you wrote to me — but Miss Estlin kindly sent me your last letter. I often think of you & yours — but do not like to intrude on you unless I have something to say that is worth your notice.

You have doubtless heard of the Conway & Mason correspondence. Miss Martineau took it up very warmly & had letters written in all directions to call forth a protest against Conway's gross indiscretion — which may have very unpleasant results to the abolitionists who have been rashly compromised by him. I also wrote to sundry people with a like intent — among the rest to G. Thompson & John Bright. G. T. ~~sent~~ wrote me a long answer which I sent to Miss Martineau, & in which he tells me he takes exactly the same view of the matter as I do. John Bright makes light as I do of the mischief likely to be done by the correspondence in England, but he also makes light (which I do not) of its effects

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on the abolitionists in America. Considering the temper of the Democrats & the state of affairs this may be tragical unless Conway's authority to do as he has done be promptly disavowed.

I send you a paper this day come to hand in which you will see an article commenting severely upon Conway — also a letter from him that I think he wrote with difficulty & with very indifferent success in making himself understood.

I also enclose a tract by Miss Cobbe whom I think you do not admire whilst I respect her highly for her talents, & the use she makes of them & also because she is the most gifted Irish woman of whom I have any knowledge.

Will you be so kind as to send the newspaper when read to

Professor Cairnes
Aix les Bains
Savoie
France

where he (& Miss Cobbe) are now spending some time at the Battery for Sunday exhibitions. As I wish Cairnes to know that I send a paper I enclose an address

Miss Estlin has I believe gone to Switzerland. I have not heard from for two or three weeks.

Wilt you present my respects to your nephew & niece & believe me ever truly Yours

Richd D Webb

We have a lovely season here. Such as we have not had since 1859. My elder daughter is with her relations in Waterford. Anna keeps house for me at Greenfield where I have been spending a good part of this day making hay — for the first time in my life

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